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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, AEMR, DM
SUBJECT: STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS COTONOU

REF: STATE 011170 (NOTAL)

1. VICE CONSUL WENT TO SURETE TUESDAY MORNING AT 0900
GMT WITH COPY OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH WE SENT AT SAME
TIME TO MFA DEMANDING CRO DAVIS' IMMEDIATE RELEASE FROM
CUSTODY AND CITING VIENNA CONVENTION. WILL REPORT STATUS
AS SOON AS VICE CONSUL RETURNS.

2. VICE CONSUL RETURNED TO EMBASSY AT 0945 GMT TO REPORT
THAT CHIEF OF POLICE COULD NOT SEE HIM BEFORE NOON LOCAL.
HE IS NOW AT MFA MAKING PERSONAL APPEAL FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE
AND VIGOROUS INTERVENTION OF THIS VIOLATION OF DIPLOMATIC
NORMS OF CONDUCT.

3. TELEPHONES STILL OUT AT CHANCERY AND ADJACENT PAO
RESIDENCE AS WELL AS FRENCH AND GERMAN EMBASSIES AND
RESIDENCES. WE ARE ATTEMPTING BY HANDCARRIED NOTES TO
ACCOUNT FOR ALL AMCITS IN COTONOU; AT SAME TIME WE ARE
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REQUESTING INFO FROM OTHER MISSIONS RE THEIR NATIONALS.
AS OF JANUARY 17 EVENING GERMAN AMBASSADOR TOLD US ALL
GERMAN NATIONALS HAVE BEEN RELEASED. FRENCH CONSUL TOLD
US APPROXIMATELY 100 FRENCH NATIONALS STILL UNDER DETENTION
AS OF MONDAY AFTERNOON.

4. HOTEL CROIX DU SUD TELLS US SEVEN FOREIGNERS ARRESTED

MORNING JANUARY 16 INCLUDING CRO DAVIS. INCLUDED WERE
NIGERIAN, FRENCH, AND ROMANIAN AND AMERICAN NATIONALS.

5. DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, IN A RATHER HEATED EXCHANGE
WITH VICE CONSUL, HAS JUST SAID HIS ABILITY TO HELP US
RE CRO DAVIS IS LIMITED BECAUSE EMBASSY NEVER SENT A NOTE
ANNOUNCING CRO'S ARRIVAL. VICE CONSUL RETURNING TO
SURETE AT NOON LOCAL. CHARGE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT
DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL.

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